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TARNAX VII.
MANY MONTHS AGO.
THE TIME IS COMING.
OUR PEOPLE ARE SCATTERED, OUR HOMEWORLD SHATTERED. OUR END IS NEAR, IT WOULD SEEM.
BUT THERE IS HOPE, FOR THOSE WHO WOULD SEEK IT.
ALL OUR EMPIRE HAS KNOWN IS CONFLICT. WAR. THIS IS OUR WAY NOW.
BUT THERE IS ANOTHER WAY.
THERE HAS COME A SAVIOR.
ONE WHO WILL UNITE OUR PEOPLE, AND BRING PEACE TO THE EMPIRE.
XAVIN.
TRAINING CALLS, MY YOUNG SUPER-SKRULL.

DO YOU KNOW OF THE PROPHECIES, COMMANDER? DO YOU KNOW OF THE UNITER?
OF COURSE. ALL CHILDREN LEARN SUCH FAIRY TALES.
I SUSPECT TOMORROW YOUR SHAMAN WILL TELL YOU OF THE DIRE WRAITHS.
YOU MOCK HIM.
I HAVE SEEN MANY AMAZING THINGS IN MY TIME, XAVIN. BUT NO HALF-BREED CAN BRING PEACE TO OUR EMPIRE.
ONLY DEATH CAN DO THAT.
DO YOU BELIEVE IN ANYTHING?
I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO THE EMPIRE, BUT YOU HAVE MUCH TO LEARN.
RATHER THAN CONCERN YOURSELF WITH MY BELIEFS, YOU SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON YOUR TRAINING.
BECAUSE NO MATTER WHAT PROPHECY YOU BELIEVE IN, YOU HAVE TO BE ALIVE TO SEE IT COME TRUE.

EARTH.
NOW.
THOOOM!
UHNN!!
THOK!
AAAHHH!!
UHHNN!
NOT...A TRAITOR...YOU HAVE TO LISTEN...

FWASH!!
GET AWAY FROM HIM!!
"GET AWAY FROM HIM?" SERIOUSLY, LITTLE BROTHER?
NOT EXACTLY "AVENGERS ASSEMBLE," IS IT?
JUST TAKE THEM DOWN, TOMMY!!

CHOK!!
WWVM!!
THIS ONE HAS A BEAR ARM. I THINK THEY'RE RUNNING OUT OF IDEAS.
GROAN!
GETTHEMAWAY GETTHEMAWAY GETTHEMAWAY...
YEARRRGHH!!
UGH!
AAAH!!

CHOOOM!!
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
THAT'S... THAT'S...
...XAVIN?
GET UP.
WE HAVE TO GET DORREK TO SAFETY.

TEDDY!!
BILLY, WAIT! HOW CAN YOU TELL IT'S XAVIN? DOES HE HAVE A MOLE OR SOMETHING I'M MISSING?!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS, HE'LL HAVE A SECOND TEAM IN PLACE.
"HE" WHO?! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?
WE LEFT ELI AND KATE AND VISION UP THERE, WE HAVE TO--
WE HAVE TO GET DORREK TO SAFETY! THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS!!
OH, RIGHT. IT IS YOU, I CAN TELL NOW FROM THE STICK UP YOUR--
HEY...WHERE'S YOUR TEAM? WHERE ARE THE RUNAWAYS?

CRASH!!
AAAAAHHH!
NICO!!

NEW YORK CITY.
INVASION +13 MINUTES.

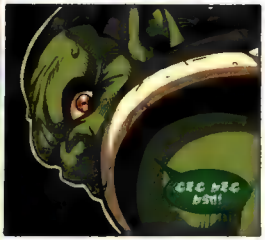
HK... HURK...
CHASE... KAROLINA... WAKE UP!!

GRRRRR...

RRCCCCAARRR!!
SKREEEEEEEEE
DO SOMETHING, VICTOR!!
LIKE WHAT?!! USE A SPELL!!
IMPACT IMMINENT.
HANG ON!!
CLOOOM
UHHH... NICO...HAVE TO GET--

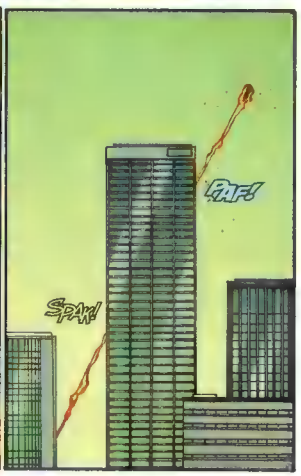
—DAAGG!
...NICO... THAT SPELL... ANY TIME NOW...
CHKK!!
AAAAAHHHH!!!
SNAP!
AAAIIIEEE!!!
WOOSH!!

GET UP, LITTLE [redacted] MAN.
WE HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED.


GRG HRG HRG!!

NOT SCARED OF ME? THAT'S OKAY. I'M NOT THE ONE YOU SHOULD [redacted] SCARED OF.
SIC 'IM, MOL.

RAAAAA--
PRINCESS POWERFUL POWERS... ACTIVATE!!


PAF!
SPAK!

EASY, VIC.
THANKS. I, UH, I WAS JUST ABOUT TO UNLEASH ON HIM...
YEAH, I'M SURE IF WE HADN'T MESSED UP YOUR MASTER PLAN, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ON LIKE DONKEY KONG.
NICO! ARE YOU OKAY? YOUR WRIST LOOKS EXTRA BENDY.
IT'S FINE, MOLLY. NOW COME ON, EVERYONE BACK INTO THE LEAPFROG. WE'RE GOING.
PIZZA 1
GOING?
LACE? WHAT IS THAT ON YOUR--
...
GOOD GIRL.
GOING WHERE?! THERE'S A BILLION SPACE INVADERS OVER THERE! SHOULDN'T WE GO BEAT THEM UP?
NICO, WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED? WHAT'S GOING ON?
WE'RE LEAVING. WE'RE--
NICO...
...WHERE IS XAVIN?!

TIMES SQUARE.
RESPONSE THE STRIKE TEAM, COMMANDER CHRELL.

THE TARGET WAS PROTECTING HIM.
ONE
THE MAGICIAN, I DON'T THINK WAS SOMETHING ELSE.

IT WOULD ARE ALL.
YOUR ORDERS?

DORREK. KILL HIS PROTECTORS.
AND KILL EVERY SKROLL WHO HIM.

I AM HIS SERVANT

UHHH...WHA... WHAZGOINGON?
BILLY?!
TEDDY, SHHH! IT'S OKAY, YOU'RE OKAY.
HOW... HOW'D YOU FIND--?
I'LL ALWAYS FIND YOU.
WE'RE UNDER THE CITY. XAVIN'S HELPING US.
XAVIN?! BILLY, WHERE [redacted] THE OTHERS? WE [redacted] TO GET BACK TO THE FIGHT, WE HAVE TO--
TEDDY, JUST CALM DOWN! THEY WERE GOING TO KILL YOU, I USED A SPELL TO GET TO YOU... I PROMISE, I'LL EXPLAIN--
NO... I'LL EXPLAIN.
WHAT'S "GOING ON" IS A FULL INVASION OF EARTH BY SKRULL EXTREMISTS. THEY BELIEVE THAT THEIR GOD HAS PROMISED EARTH TO THEM, AND NOW THEY'VE COME FOR IT.
SOMETHING YOU COULD HAVE PREVENTED!
ME? WHAT ARE--
IF YOU HAD JUST ACCEPTED YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES, "SAVIOR," YOU COULD HAVE UNITED OUR EMPIRE! YOU COULD HAVE SPARED EARTH FROM WHAT'S HAPPENING, DORREK!
MY NAME IS NOT--
IT DIDN'T HAVE TO COME TO THIS!

WHAT?! YOU CAN'T PUT THIS ON ■■ I NEVER ASKED FOR THIS!
HOW CAN YOU BE SO SELFISH? YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO SHOW OUR PEOPLE ■ BETTER WAY!!
THIS ISN'T MY FAULT!!
WHOAWHOA WHOAWHOA..LET'S ALL JUST CALM DOWN...
PERHAPS THIS WILL CALM YOU DOWN.
THE SINGLE DEADLIEST SKRULL IN THE EMPIRE IS ■■■ ON EARTH, AND HE'S COMING FOR DORREK.
DESPITE THE FACT THAT DORREK HAS TURNED HIS BACK ON HIS DESTINY LIKE ■ SPITEFUL CHILD, HIS PRESENCE COULD PUT A STOP TO ALL OF THIS.
SO THE EXTREMISTS HAVE MARKED HIM FOR DEATH.
OH MY GOD. TEDDY...
HOW COULD I STOP THIS? I TRIED, AND THEY ATTACKED ME!
TRY HARDER!
THIS IS YOUR HOME...THIS IS ■■ BELOVED'S HOME. AND NOW IT IS MINE. I'LL DIE TO SAVE IT. WILL YOU?
WHOOOSH!!!
WE'RE ■ TROUBLE.
AND NOW I CAN'T SEE MYSELF.

FSSSH
DUMDUM...
DUMDUM...
DUMDUM...

AAAHH!!
CHOK!!
GOT IT!!
ATTACK!!
SHE WILL NOT HESITATE TO KILL YOU! HOLD NOTHING BACK!
...SENDHERHOME SENDHERHOME SENDHERHOME...
SHMMM!
KRACK!
AAAH!
HANG ON, BILLY, I'VE GOT--
ARGHH!

GET AWAY FROM THEM!
DORREK, NO! YOU'RE TOO IMPORTANT!
WE HAVE TO RUN!
WHAT?! NO!!
$$$$...
I WON'T LEAVE WITHOUT MY FRIENDS!
WICCAN! SPEED! MOVE!!
DUMDUM... DUMDUM... DUMDUM...
WHAM!!
WHOA!!
HANG ON!
WHAT? LET ME DOWN, THIS IS TOO SLOW!!
HANG ON AND SHUT UP!!
X'IN TO ... HAVE A SITUATION
I... OF THE TARGET'S TEAMMATES ARE ... I... THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE I KNOW THIS

...BUT ONE OF HIS PROTECTORS... I RECOGNIZED HIS HEARTBEAT.
COMMANDER, IT'S PRINCE XAVIN.
XAVIN.
I'VE LOST THEM. WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS?
SIR?
I NEED A CITY-WIDE SCAN FOR AN ALIEN BIOENERGY SIGNATURE.
YES, COMMANDER. WHAT RACE?
YOU DID WHAT?!

HOW COULD YOU JUST LEAVE HIM LIKE THAT?!
KAR, PLEASE! YOU HAVE TO LISTEN, WE HAVE TO GO! THIS IS WHAT XAVIN WANTED!
SINCE WHEN DO YOU CARE WHAT ANY OF US WANT?
KAROLINA...
FRESH VEG
YOU GUYS DON'T UNDERSTAND...YOU DIDN'T SEE ALL OF IT. IT'S BAD...THERE'S AN ARMY OF THESE THINGS, ALL WITH MULTIPLE POWERS...
WELL, NOW THAT WE'RE ALL AWAKE, WE CAN GO BACK AND HELP! XAVIN'S ONE OF US, WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE HER!
NO! YOU'RE ALL MY RESPONSIBILITY, AND WE'RE LEAVING. XAVIN'S A SOLDIER, WE'RE NOT. THIS ISN'T US.
WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH YOU TWO? THERE BETTER BE SOME KIND OF ROBO-WITCH BRAIN SPASM GOING AROUND, BECAUSE WE'RE GOING BACK RIGHT FREAKING NOW!
EXCUSE ME...BUT WERE WE NOT THERE? IN THE MOVING PICTURE?
OH, NO, KLARA. THAT'S NOT REAL...THAT'S TV. TEL-E-VIS-ION. IT'S MADE-UP.
MOLLY... SHE'S RIGHT. THAT'S TIMES SQUARE.
DIOS... THIS IS LIVE.

THOSE... THOSE ARE THE YOUNG AVENGERS.
THEY'RE IN TROUBLE!

HEY!!
OH, $#@&, MOLLY, KLARA, CLOSE YOUR EYES!!

OMIGOD!
NO!
VISION...
SHRIEK!!!

XAVIN SAVED OUR LIVES, KAROLINA.
IF WE HAD STAYED, THAT WOULD BE US.
FWASH!!
IT STILL SHALL BE, CHILDREN.
BUT BEFORE YOU DIE, YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME KILL TWO PRINCES.
TO BE CONCLUDED...

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